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even by intuitive revelation, wherein there was no possibility of error.

He may have fifty-six exceptions *peremptory* against the jurors, of which he shall shew no cause.

To-morrow be in readiness to go; Excuse it not for I am *peremptory*.

Not death himself In mortal fury is half so *peremptory*, As we to keep this city.

'Though the text and the doctrine run *peremptory* and absolute, whosoever denies Christ, shall assuredly be denied by him; yet still there is a tacit condition, unless repentance intervene.

The more modest confests, that learning was to give us a fuller discovery of our ignorance, and to keep us from being *peremptory* and dogmatical in our determinations.

He would never talk in such a *peremptory* and discouraging manner, were he not assured that he was able to subdue the most powerful opposition against the doctrine which he taught.

PERENNIAL. *adj.* [*perennis*, Latin.]

1. Lasting through the year.

If the quantity were precisely the same in these *perennial* fountains, the difficulty would be greater.

2. Perpetual; unceasing.

The matter wherewith these *perennial* clouds are raised, is the sea that furrounds them.

PERENNITY. *n. f.* [*perennitas*, Latin.] Equality of lasting through all seasons; perpetuity.

That springs have their origin from the sea, and not from rains and vapours, I conclude from the *perennity* of divers springs.

PERFECT. *adj.* [*perfectus*, Latin.]

1. Complete; consummate; finished; neither defective nor redundant.

We count those things *perfect*, which want nothing requisite for the end, whereto they were instituted.

2. Fully informed; fully skilful.

Within a ken our army lies; Our men more *perfect* in the use of arms,

Our armour all as strong, our cause the best; Then reason wills our hearts should be as good.

Fair dame! I am not to you known, 'Though in your state of honour I am *perfect*.

I do not take myself to be so *perfect* in the privileges of Bohemia, as to handle that part; and will not offer at that I cannot master.

3. Pure; blameless; clear; immaculate. This is a sense chiefly theological.

My parts, my title, and my *perfect* soul Shall manifest me rightly.

Thou shalt be *perfect* with the Lord thy God.

4. Safe; Out of danger.

Thou art *perfect* then, our ship hath touch'd upon the shores of Bohemia.

To *PERFECT*. *v. a.* [*perfectus*, from *perficio*, Latin; *parfaire*, French.]

1. To finish; to complete; to consummate; to bring to its due state.

If we love one another, God dwelleth in us, and his love is *perfected* in us.

Beauty now must *perfect* my renown; With that I govern'd him that rules this isle.

In substances rest not in the ordinary complex idea commonly received, but enquire into the nature and properties of the things themselves, and thereby *perfect* our ideas of their distinct species.

Endeavour not to settle too many habits at once, lest by variety you confound them, and so *perfect* none.

What toil did honest Curio take To get one medal wanting yet, And *perfect* all his Roman set?

2. To make skilful; to instruct fully.

Her cause and yours I'll *perfect* him withal, and he shall bring you Before the duke.

PERFECTER. [*from perfect*.] One that makes perfect.

This practice was altered; they offered not to Mercury, but to Jupiter the *perfecter*.

PERFECTION. *n. f.* [*perfectio*, Latin.]

1. The state of being perfect.

Man doth seek a triple *perfection*; first a sensual, consisting in those things which very life itself requireth, either as necessary supplements or as ornaments thereof; then an intellectual, consisting in those things which none underneath man is capable of; lastly, a spiritual and divine, consisting in those things wherunto we tend by supernatural means here, but cannot here attain.

It is a judgment maim'd and most imperfect, That will confests *perfection* to could err

Against all rules of nature. True virtue being united to the heavenly grace of faith makes up the highest *perfection*.

2. Trial; experiment.

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No human understanding being absolutely secured from mistake by the *perfection* of its own nature, it follows that no man can be infallible but by supernatural assistance.

Many things impossible to thought, Have been by need to full *perfection* brought.

2. Something that concurs to produce supreme excellence.

What tongue can her *perfections* tell, In whose each part all pens may dwell?

You knot of mouth-friends; smoke and lukewarm water Is your *perfection*.

An heroic poem requires, as its last *perfection*, the accomplishment of some extraordinary undertaking, which requires more of the active virtue than the suffering.

3. Attribute of God.

If God be infinitely holy, just and good, he must take delight in those creatures that resemble him most in these *perfections*.

To *PERFECT*. *v. a.* [*perfectio*, Latin.]

To make perfect; to advance to perfection. This is a word proposed by Dryden, but not received nor worthy of reception.

Painters and sculptors, chusing the most elegant natural beauties, *perfect* the idea, and advance their art above nature itself in her individual productions; the utmost mastery of human performance.

He has founded an academy for the progress and *perfection* of painting.

PERFECTIVE. *adj.* [*from perfect*.] Conducting to bring to perfection.

Praise and adoration are actions *perfective* of our souls.

Eternal life shall not consist in endless love; the other faculties shall be employed in actions suitable to, and *perfective* of their natures.

PERFECTIVELY. *adv.* [*from perfective*.] In such a manner as brings to perfection.

As virtue is seated fundamentally in the intellect, so *perfectively* in the fancy; so that virtue is the force of reason in the conduct of our actions and passions to a good end.

PERFECTLY. *adv.* [*from perfect*.]

1. In the highest degree of excellence.

2. Totally; completely.

Chawing little sponges dipt in oil, when *perfectly* under water, he could longer support the want of respiration.

Words recal to our thoughts those ideas only which they have been wont to be signs of, but cannot introduce any *perfectly* new and unknown simple idea.

3. Exactly; accurately.

We know bodies and their properties most *perfectly*.

PERFECTNESS. *n. f.* [*from perfect*.]

1. Completeness.

2. Goodness; virtue. A scriptural word.

Put on charity, which is the bond of *perfectness*.

3. Skill.

Is this your *perfectness*?

PERFIDIOUS. *adj.* [*perfidus*, Latin.]

Treacherous; false to trust; guilty of violated faith.

Tell me, *perfidious*, was it fit To make my cream a perquisite,

And steal to mend your wages.

PERFIDIOUSLY. *adv.* [*from perfidius*.] Treacherously; by breach of faith.

Perfidiously He has betray'd your business, and given up For certain drops of salt, your city Rome.

They eat *perfidiously* their words.

Can he not deliver us possession of such places as would put him in a worse condition, whenever he should *perfidiously* renew the war?

PERFIDIOUSNESS. *n. f.* [*from perfidius*.] The quality of being perfidious.

Some things have a natural deformity in them; as *perfidiousness* and ingratitude.

PERFIDY. *n. f.* [*perfidia*, Latin.]

Treachery; want of faith; breach of faith.

PERFLABLE. *adj.* [*from perflu*, Latin.] Having the wind driven through.

To *PERFLATE*. *v. a.* [*perflu*, Latin.] To blow through.

If Eastern winds did *perflate* our climates more frequently, they would clarify and refresh our air.

The first consideration in building of cities, is to make them open, airy and well *perflated*.

PERFLATION. *n. f.* [*from perflatus*.] The act of blowing through.

Miners, by *perflations* with large bellows, give motion to the air, which ventilates and cools the mines.

To *PERFORATE*. *v. a.* [*perforo*, Latin.] To pierce with a tool; to bore.

Draw the bough of a low fruit tree newly budded without twisting, into an earthen pot *perforate* at the bottom, and then cover the pot with earth, it will yield a very large fruit.

A *perforated* bladder does not swell. The labour'd chyle pervades the pores, In all the arterial *perforated* shores.

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The aperture was limited by an opaque circle placed between the eye-glass and the eye, and *perforated* in the middle with a little round hole for the rays to pass through to the eye.

Worms *perforate* the guts.

PERFORATION. *n. f.* [*from perforate*.]

1. The act of piercing or boring.

The likeliest way is the *perforation* of the body of the tree in several places one above another, and the filling of the holes.

The industrious *perforation* of the tendons of the second joints of fingers and toes, and the drawing the tendons of the third joints through them.

2. Hole; place bored.

That the nipples should be made spongy, and with such *perforations* as to admit passage to the milk, are arguments of providence.

PERFORATOR. *n. f.* [*from perforate*.] The instrument of boring.

The patient placed in a convenient chair, dipping the trocar in oil, stab it suddenly through the teguments, and withdrawing the *perforator*, leave the waters to empty by the canula.

PERFORANCE. *v. a.* [*per and force*.] By violence; violently.

Guyon to him leaping, flaid His hand, that trembled as one terrified;

And though himself were at the sight dismay'd, Yet him *perforce* restrain'd.

Jealous Oberon would have the child, But she *perforce* withhold the loved boy.

All trembling and arising, full of spots, And pale with death at hand, *perforce* the breaks Into the inmost rooms.

To *PERFORM*. *v. a.* [*performare*, Italian.] To execute; to do; to discharge; to achieve an undertaking; to accomplish.

All three set among the foremost ranks of fame for great minds to attempt, and great force to *perform* what they did attempt.

Haft thou, spirit, *Perform'd* to point the tempest that I bad thee?

What cannot you and I *perform* upon Th' unguarded Duncan?

I will cry unto God that *performeth* all things for me.

Let all things be *performed* after the law of God diligently.

Thou, my love, *Perform* his funerals with paternal care.

You *perform* her office in the sphere, Born of her blood, and make a new Platonic year.

To *PERFORM*. *v. n.* To succeed in an attempt.

When a poet has *performed* admirably in several illustrious places, we sometimes also admire his very errors.

PERFORMABLE. *adj.* [*from perform*.] Practicable; such as may be done.

Men forget the relations of history, affirming that elephants have no joints, whereas their actions are not *performable* without them.

PERFORMANCE. *n. f.* [*from perform*.]

1. Completion of something designed; execution of something promised.

His promises were, as he then was, mighty; But his *performance*, as he now is, nothing.

Promising is the very air o' th' time; it opens the eyes of expectation: *performance* is ever the duller for his acts, and but in the plainer kind of people, the deed is quite out of use.

Perform the doing of it; that as there was a readiness to will, so there may be a *performance*.

The only means to make him successful in the *performance* of these great works, was to be above contempt.

2. Composition; work.

In the good poems of other men, I can only be sure, that 'tis the hand of a good master; but in your *performances* 'tis scarcely possible for me to be deceived.

Few of our comic *performances* give good examples.

3. Action; something done.

In this slumbry agitation, besides her walking and other actual *performances*, what have you heard her say?

PERFORMER. *n. f.* [*from perform*.]

1. One that performs any thing.

The merit of service is seldom attributed to the true and exact *performer*.

2. It is generally applied to one that makes a public exhibition of his skill.

To *PERFECT*. *v. n.* [*perficio*, Latin.] To rub over.

PERFUMATORY. *adj.* [*from perfume*.] That which perfumes.

PERFUME. *n. f.* [*perfume*, Latin.]

1. Strong odour of sweetness used to give scents to other things.

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Pomanders and knots of powders for drying rheums are not so strong as *perfumes*; you may have them continually in your hand, whereas *perfume*, you can take but at times.

Perfumes, though gross bodies that may be sensibly waited, yet fill the air, so that we can put our nose in no part of the room where a *perfume* is burned, but we smell it.

2. Sweet odour; fragrance.

No rich *perfumes* refresh the fruitful field, Nor fragrant herbs their native incense yield.

To *PERFUME*. *v. a.* [*from the noun*.] To scent; to impregnate with sweet scent.

Your papers Let me have them very well *perfum'd*, For she is sweeter than perfume itself.

To whom they go. Why rather, sleep, liest thou in smoky cribs, And hufft with buzzing night-flies to thy slumber,

Than in the *perfum'd* chambers of the great, Under the canopies of costly state,

And lull'd with sounds of sweetest melody?

Then will I raise aloft the milk-white rose, With whose sweet smell the air shall be *perfum'd*.

The distilled water of wild poppy, mingled at half with rose water, take with some mixture of a few cloves in a *perfuming* pan.

Smells adhere to hard bodies; as in *perfuming* of gloves, which sheweth them corporeal.

The pains the takes are vainly meant, To hide her amorous heart,

'Tis like *perfuming* an ill scent, The smell's too strong, far are.

See spicy clouds from lowly Sharon rise, And Carmel's flow'ry top *perfumes* the skies!

PERFUMER. *n. f.* [*from perfume*.] One whose trade is to sell things made to gratify the scent.

A mofs the *perfumers* have out of apple trees, that hath an excellent scent.

First issued from *perfumers* shops A crowd of fashionable fops.

PERFUMCTORILY. *adv.* [*perfumctorii*, Latin.] Carelessly; negligently.

His majesty casting his eye *perfumctorily* upon it, and believing it had been drawn by mature advice, no sooner received it, than he delivered it to the lord-keeper.

Whereas all logic is reducible to the four principal operations of the mind, the two first of these have been handled by Aristotle very *perfumctorily*; of the fourth he has said nothing at all.

PERFUMCTORY. *adj.* [*perfumctorii*, Latin.] Slight; careless; negligent.

A transient and *perfumctory* examination of things leads men into considerable mistakes, which a more correct and rigorous scrutiny would have detected.

To *PERFUSE*. *v. a.* [*perfusus*, Latin.] To tincture; to over-spread.

These dregs immediately *perfuse* the blood with melancholy, and cause obstructions.

PERHA. *ps. adv.* [*per and ha*.] Peradventure; it may be.

Perhaps the good old man that kills his son, And left a blessing on his head,

His arms about him spread, Hopes yet to see him ere his glass be run.

Somewhat excellent may be invented, *perhaps* more excellent than the first design, though Virgil must be still excepted, when that *perhaps* takes place.

His thoughts inspir'd his tongue, And all his soul receiv'd a real love.

Perhaps new graces darted from her eyes, Perhaps lost pity charm'd his yielding soul,

Perhaps her love, *perhaps* her kingdom charm'd him.

PERIAPT. *n. f.* [*περίαπτος*.] Amulet; charm worn as preservatives against diseases or mischief.

The regent conquers, and the Frenchmen fly: Now help, ye charming spells and *periapts*.

PERICARDIUM. *n. f.* [*περί and καρδιά*; *pericarde*, Latin.]

The *pericardium* is a thin membrane of a conick figure that resembles a purse, and contains the heart in its cavity: its basis is pierced in five places, for the passage of the vessels which enter and come out of the heart: the use of the *pericardium* is to contain a small quantity of clear water, which is separated by small glands in it, that the surface of the heart may not grow dry by its continual motion.

PERICARPUM. *n. f.* [*pericarpa*, Latin.] In botany, a pellicle or thin membrane encompassing the fruit or grain of a plant, or that part of a fruit that envelops the seed.

Besides this use of the pulp or *pericarpium* for the guard of the seed, it serves also for the sustenance of animals.

PERICLITATION. *n. f.* [*from periclitari*, Latin.]

1. The state of being in danger.

2. Trial; experiment.